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It is Safe to Swim at Sunset Beach, NC

SUNSET BEACH, N.C. – Coastal recreational waters surrounding Sunset Beach, NC remain within the bacteria levels set by the State of North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality and the United States Environmental Protection Agency for swimming and water play. “Until notified otherwise, it is safe to play in the water at Sunset Beach”, said Mayor Ron Watts.

The North Carolina Water Quality Program samples 204 sites in the coastal waters including Sunset Beach on generally a weekly basis from April through October. They sample for Enterococcus, a bacterial organism commonly found in warm-blooded animals. While this bacterium does not cause illness itself, scientific studies indicate that its presence is closely correlated to other disease-causing organisms. Visitor or residents swimming or playing in recreational waters with elevated levels may develop gastrointestinal illness.

For more information on the sampling data or swimming advisories, visit the website <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/rwq-sampling-data> or on [Twitter.com@ncrecprgm](https://twitter.com/ncrecprgm).

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